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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

Claims 1-12 were canceled in the Preliminary Amendment.

Claims 13-21 were added in the Preliminary Amendment.

Claims 13-21 were amended in the Amendment filed on August 18, 2003 with a month extension of time.

Please add new claim 22 as shown in the following listing of the claims.

13. (previously presented) A flammable fire lighting aid mass, selected from the group consisting of barbecue firelighters, fireplace firelighters and oven firelighters consisting of paraffin containing inorganic particles disposed in a homogeneous distribution in the paraffin, and, optionally, a combustion-promoting additive, said particles being silicic acid.

14. (previously presented) The flammable mass according to claim 13, wherein the silicic acid is precipitated silicic acid.

15. (previously presented) The flammable mass according to claim 13, wherein the silicic acid is pyrogenic silicic acid.

16. (previously presented) The flammable mass according to claims 13, wherein the silicic acid is hydrophilic.

17. (previously presented) The flammable mass according to claim 13, wherein the silicic acid is hydrophobic.

18. (previously presented) The flammable mass according to claim 13, wherein the paraffin is paraffin produced from slack wax.

19. (previously presented) The flammable mass according to claim 13, wherein the paraffin is paraffin produced by Fischer-Tropsch synthesis.

20. (previously presented) The flammable mass according to claim 13, wherein the combustion-promoting additive is a metallocene.

21. (previously presented) The flammable mass according to claim 20, wherein the metallocene is a ferrocene.

22. (new) The flammable mass according to claim 13, wherein the mass is melted at a combustion temperature.